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In re Patent Application of: Yasuhiro NISHIDA et al.

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For: NOVEL CAROTENOID HYDROXYLASE

GENE, METHOD FOR PREPARING

HYDROXYLATED CAROTENOID, AND

NOVEL GERANYLGERANYL PYROPHOSHATE SYNTHASE Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed January 5, 2007, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This Reply includes:

- -Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.
- -Amendments to the Sequence Listing begin on page 4 of this paper.
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- -An **Appendix** including the paper and CRF disk copy of the Sequence Listing is attached following page 6 of this paper.